

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission (BTAC)
Date of Meeting:	February 5, 2007
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *BTAC Members*
Present: Rene Briones, Bill Reisinger (Chair), Nawal Stanojevic

Staff: Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva

Absent: Commissioners Miljon Buquing, Cheryl Bunnell, Wesley Roediger, & Fred Zeise
Council Member Armando Gomez

Quorum was established.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. VTA BPAC meeting report- Chair Reisinger
Chair Reisinger reported he attends the meetings and suggests the City find a good bicycle program for the STIP.

2. Commission Announcements
There were no additional announcements

3. Staff Announcements
Staff Joe Oliva announced he has been reassigned to the Economic Development Department to work on a special project regarding Parking and the City's Zoning ordinance. His reassignment will be for approximately 9 months. Staff Janice Nadal will be performing some of Joe's assignments such as development review.

Ms. Nadal announced the Commission Recognition Event on April 18, 2007 at 7PM at City Hall.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MOTION to approve the February 5, 2007 agenda
Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Pedestrian Crossing at Yosemite as requested by Rob Means at the December 11, 2006 meeting.

M/S: Stanojevic/Briones
All Ayes

**V. APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the December 11, 2006 BTAC minutes.

M/S as amended: Briones/ Stanojevic
All Ayes

VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone Avenue

Rob Means discussed the issue of global warming and the City should explore looking at alternate options.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- **Tour de California, February 18-25, 2007**

Ms. Nadal distributed a letter that notifies residents located within the race area (along Piedmont Road) of the closures as the cyclists race through on Wednesday, February 21 between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm

- **2007 Work Plan**

Ms. Nadal congratulated the Commission on their change from "Bicycle Technical Advisory Commission" to "Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission" at the January 16, 2007 meeting. Ms. Nadal distributed the changed By-Laws and Commission Roster. Commissioner Stanojevic had contact information changes.

- **Cisco Field Follow up by Rob Means**

Mr. Means discussed the new Fremont Cisco Field project for relocation of the Oakland Athletics baseball team. Mr. Means feels that use of a Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) system to feed between the Fremont BART Station and VTA Light Rail in Milpitas will better transport people to the new baseball stadium.

Motions:

To direct City staff to contact the Fremont Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to meet with them regarding this project in March.

To request Mr. Means to present this item at the next Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

To direct Mr. Means to request from the Economic Development and Community Advisory Commissions to agendaize this item for their next meeting.

M/S Stanojevic/Briones
All Ayes

- **Pedestrian Crossing at Yosemite**

Mr. Means also presented a project to revisit the pedestrian over-

crossing project over the Union Pacific Railroad/future BART line from Yosemite Drive to Curtis Avenue. A project was studied by the City of Milpitas and VTA in 2004 but later reprogrammed funds for this project into other City trails projects due to the issues with location and the cost for the project (approximately \$6 million).

Mr. Means feels that "Jpods" is a low-cost and new technology that is feasible for the City to pursue. He suggests reopening conversations with Soletron Corporation, who denied location of the bridge over-crossing in the previous study, as well as the Great Mall.

Chair Reisinger feels this project should be included in the Capitol Improvement Projects list.

Motions:

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M/S Stanojevic/Briones
All Ayes

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

○ Calaveras Widening Plan Study Review

Staff Joe Oliva presented this project. Staff is currently studying the Calaveras Widening Project, which is ranked number 1 on the VTA Valley Transportation Plan 2030 projects for local streets and roads. One of the projects includes the re-opening of Carlo Street from east-bound Calaveras to access Main Street. Staff and their consultant has devised a plan to close the on-ramp to Calaveras Blvd from Main Street in order to provide access to Carlo Street. Two versions of an off-ramp to Carlo Street were presented. BPAC preferred the options created by the VTA which allows for visibility and safer access for bicyclists and pedestrians.

○ VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines

Ms. Nadal updated BPAC on the VTA revising their bicycle technical guidelines. She will forward any new information via email.

Open Forum

2. Safety

○ Police Chief Dennis Graham

Chief Graham introduced himself. He grew up in Milpitas and is still a resident and has worked for the Police department for 25 years. Traffic accidents in 2006 increased though accidents in 2005 were significantly low.

In relation to bicycle and pedestrian safety, Chief Graham mentioned at the beginning of every school year Police increase traffic enforcement in the area. Chief Graham mentioned that a crossing guard had recently been struck on Arizona Drive. There is enforcement every week based on complaints from crossing guards

Chair Reisinger mentioned BPAC liked the pedestrian crossing “stings” at the mid-block crossings on Milpitas Boulevard and Calaveras Boulevard near the Milpitas Unified School District offices. Chief Graham mentioned there is going to be more enforcement in the future in different locations.

Commissioner Stanojevic asked if the flashing beacons were effective.

Chief Graham also mentioned that Police will be participating in a bicycle helmet enforcement program, a Juvenile Diversion Program which a child is cited if they do not have a helmet, and are required to attend a class with the parents to hear a speaker with a head-collision talk about the impact on their lives followed by a police officer to discuss helmet safety.

Chair Reisinger mentioned the crossing guards used to give In N’ Out Burger coupons to students that walk and use helmets. Staff can look into this.

3. Public Awareness

• New BPAC logo

Ms. Nadal shared 2 new graphic designs of the BPAC logo. Since the Commission name change, the logo with the old name will be replaced with the chosen design. The Commissioners chose the first design on the top page, which included a bicyclist and walking. Ms. Nadal will revise the graphic and share via email.

- **Open Forum**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at

8:08 p.m.

M/S: Briones / Stanojevic

All Ayes